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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/760,079	KOSMYNA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>1/16/04 + 8/22/05</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material  | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-26 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art fails to disclose or render obvious an adapter assembly for a fluid supply applicator (i.e. gravity-fed paint sprayer) whereby the assembly includes an outer lid; having an integral cylindrical fitting with a tab at its upper end and a horizontal stop at its lower end, and an adapter; where the adapter has a first end and a second end, with a bore between the ends, where the first end is adapted to mate with the fluid applicator at a complimentary connecting surface. The second end of the adapter, where the fluid supply connects, consists of having a first shape and a portion having a second shape, the portion having the first shape being adapted to pass by the tab of the cylindrical fitting so that the second end can be inserted into the fitting, and the portion having the second shape being adapted so that it cannot pass by the tab, the second end having a height so that the second end fits between the horizontal stop and the tab of the fitting, whereby when the adapter is rotated, the portion having the second shape is retained under the tab so that the adapter is locked to the outer lid.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is as follows:

U.S. Patent No. 6,877,677 to Schmon et al., disclosing a spray gun

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U.S. Patent No. 6,938,836 to Bouic, disclosing a valve closure

U.S. Patent No. 4,909,409 to Shreve, disclosing a sprayer quick-connect

U.S. Patent No. 5,069,389 to Bitsakos, disclosing an adapter for a spray gun

U.S. Patent No. 6,012,651 to Spitznagel, disclosing a spray gun

U.S. Patent No. 6,092,740 to Lui, disclosing a paint container for a spray gun

U.S. Patent No. 6,698,670 to Gosis et al., disclosing a paint cup connection

U.S. Patent No. 996,956 to Walcott, disclosing a stopcock

U.S. Patent No. 2,111,859 to Kennedy, disclosing a pipe connection

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James S. Hogan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4902. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 7:00a-4:00p EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Scherbel can be reached on (571) 272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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